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SUBJECT: BRITISH AID TO ZAMBIA

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1. DURING ANGLO- AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS ON
AFRICA MARCH 15-16, BRITISH GAVE BRIEF SUMMARY OF THEIR
CURRENT INTENTIONS REGARDING ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA IN WAKE
OF RHODESIAN BORDER CLOSING. ODA UNDER SECRETARY FOR
AFRICA, THOMAS, SAID THAT ALTHOUGH ZAMBIA HAD THE
LARGEST NUMBER OF BRITISH " SUPPLEMENTARY" PERSONNEL IN
AFRICA, IT DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR CAPITAL AID. HOWEVER,
ODA HAS BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE STERLING ONE MILLION SOFT
LOAN FOR TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT OF LONG TERM USABILITY.
THIS LOAN WOULD BE INTEREST- FREE, MATURING IN 25 YEARS
WITH A SEVEN- YEAR GRACE PERIOD. TERMS HAVE NOT YET BEEN
OFFERED TO ZAMBians BUT PROPOSAL IS NOW IN FINAL FORM
AND DOES NOT REQUIRE PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL.

2. BRITISH ALSO SAID THAT CURRENTLY Benguela Railroad
IS CAPABLE OF HAULING 35-40 THOUSAND TONS A MONTH UP
AND 25-30 THOUSAND TONS A MONTH DOWN BETWEEN LUSAKA AND
PORT OF LOBITO. BRITISH UNDERSTAND FROM INFORMAL CONTACT
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THAT Benguela is prepared to up total to 40 thousand
tons per month in both directions. British did not
know whether this information has yet been conveyed to
GRZ.

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